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III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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## FORCE ORDER 3501.1

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARINE CORPS COMBAT READINESS AND EVALUATION SYSTEM  
(MCCRES) EVALUATION OF III MARINE EXPEDITIONARY  
FORCE UNITS

Ref: (a) MCO 3501.1C  
(b) MARFORPACO 3501.1D

Encl: (1) Units required to complete a Marine Corps Combat  
Readiness Evaluation (MCCRE)

1. Purpose. To publish instructions for implementing the MCCRES within III Marine Expeditionary Force (III MEF).

2. Background. MCCRES is an evaluation system based on mission performance standards (MPS) and is the most effective tool we have to ensure our Marines are getting the training they need. It is a commander's tool for evaluating combat readiness, not a report card. MCCRES is useful up and down the chain of command to provide feedback in the requirement based training plan process.

### 3. Action

a. References (a) and (b) require III MEF to train units to meet their Mission Essential Task List (METL) using tasks and standards published within MCCRES. Commander, Marine Forces Pacific (COMMARFORPAC) role in the MCCRES process is Exercise Commander (EC). COMMARFORPAC has designated the following MSC commanders as MCCRES Evaluation and Exercise Directors (ED): The Commanding General, III MEF; the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division; the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing; and the Commanding General, 3d Force Service Support Group. As EDs, the commanders cited above will prepare for and execute MCCRES evaluations for applicable elements of their commands as specified in the references.

b. Evaluation and Exercise Directors shall:

(1) Implement a formal MCCRES program in accordance with the references.

(2) Evaluate unit readiness capabilities (combat, combat support, and combat service support) once every two years for which MPSSs have been developed/published per the references.

(3) Submit a list annually, not later than 1 August, of units to evaluated to COMMARFORPAC (G-3) and CG III MEF (G-3). This list should consist of all units which are required to be evaluated during the upcoming two fiscal year period including the fiscal year quarter in which the MCCRES will occur (see enclosure (1)).

(4) Report results of each completed MCCRE to CG, MCCDC via the chain of command. The MSC Commander's endorsement shall highlight any readiness trends. Reports are due to III MEF, AC/S, G-3 not later than 2 days after MCCRE completion.

c. Commanding General, III MEF will:

(1) Monitor and maintain the III MEF, MCCRES to include revisions and development of MPSSs (AC/S, G-3).

(2) Coordinate with commands or agencies external to the Marine Corps when required (AC/S, G-3).

(3) Coordinate the staff review of MCCRE reports prepared by the and forward reports to CG, MARFORPAC (AC/S, G-3).

(4) Employ quality control over MCCRES, to ensure the exercises of subordinate units are reported IAW the references and separate individual MCCRES volumes (AC/S, G-3).

(5) Maintain a database of all III MEF units that are required to complete a MCCRE (AC/S, G-3).

4. Information. All distribution additions to this directive shall ensure ready availability of MCCRES MPSSs to all Marines who are responsible for the management and execution of collective training and the subsequent evaluation of that training. If operational requirements or logistic constraints preclude conducting a formal, scheduled MCCRE, the ED shall coordinate a new exercise date within the two-year MCCRES window and advise this Headquarters (Attn: AC/S, G-3).

5. Records Disposition. General correspondence will be destroyed after two years and inspection correspondence after three years.

6. Recommendations. Recommendations for MCCRES improvement and changes will be submitted through the chain of command to: Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, (C461)3300 Russell, Quantico, VA 22134-5001.

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## Units Required to Complete a MCCRE

### III MEF (1)

#### 31st MEU

#### 3rd MARDIV (1)

#### 3rd MAR (2)

1/3

2/3

3/3

#### 12th MAR (2)

1/1

2

A Battery

B Battery

C Battery

3/1

2

#### 1st MAW (1)

#### ASEK (2)

HMH-363

HMH-463

HMH-363

HMH-362

MACG-18

MACS-4

MASS-2

MTACS-18

1st STINGER BTRY

#### MAG-12 (2)

VMFA-212

#### MAG-36 (2)

HMM-262

HMM-265

VMGR-152

MWSG-17

MWSS-171

MWSS-172

#### 3rd FSSG (1)

#### CSSD (3)

Note (1) Not Required to MCCRE. ED. For units listed below

Note (2) Not Required to MCCRE.

Note (3) FSSG will conduct a MCCRE on a CSSD that is temporarily organized to support an exercise

Enclosure (1)